

Infection Control policy

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1. Aims

This Infection Control Policy outlines the procedures and practices to prevent and manage the spread of infections within LAMP's environment.

It is based on guidance from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), NHS England, and the Department for Education (DfE).

2. Control Measures

Hygiene Practices

- All students and staff must wash hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitiser.
- Soap, hand towels and warm water is available in all toilets and in the main lounge area.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are situated around the building and at reception
- Hand hygiene should be performed before eating, after using the toilet, and after coughing or sneezing.
- Posters promoting handwashing techniques will be displayed throughout the school.
- Tissues and bins are provided in each room to encourage respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it).
- Hygiene practices are covered in Preparation for Adulthood classes as part of Healthy Living.
- Toilet roll is available in all toilets
- Sanitary pads are available in all toilets
- Sanitary disposal bins are available in all toilets and are replaced according to a set schedule with the contractor, PHS.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- Daily cleaning of classrooms, toilets, and high-touch surfaces will be conducted.
- Disinfectants approved by health authorities will be used.
- Shared equipment and resources will be cleaned between uses if necessary
- LAMP employs an external cleaning company who clean according to a set schedule.
- Deep cleans are booked in during holiday periods
- Cleaning company RAMS and risk assessments have been obtained and stored.
- Cleaning company follow colour coding system for equipment used.
- SLT oversee cleaning quality

Ventilation

- Classrooms and shared spaces will be ventilated by opening windows and doors, where safe.

- CO₂ monitors will be used to assess air quality where necessary
- Mechanical ventilation systems will be maintained and operated according to manufacturer guidance.

Outbreak Management

- Any suspected or confirmed cases of infectious disease will be reported to the local Health Protection Team.
- Isolation procedures will be followed for symptomatic individuals.
- Parents and guardians will be informed of outbreaks and advised on next steps.
- LAMP will follow national guidance for managing outbreaks, including potential temporary closures if necessary.
- LAMP will follow the HSA public health exclusion table to inform the time period an individual e.g. staff or student, should not attend in order to reduce the risk of transmission during the infectious stage. Details of this can be found in the appendix below.
- LAMP will follow any HSA vaccination advice when/if required.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- PPE is available for use when required. The reception office stores disposable masks, gloves and aprons.
- A spills kit is available for use from the office.

Animals on site

- There are currently no animals on site

Staff Training and Responsibilities

- All staff will receive regular training on infection prevention and control (IPC).
- Designated IPC leads will oversee policy implementation and compliance.
- Staff will be encouraged to stay home when unwell and follow return-to-work protocols.

3. Approval

This policy will be reviewed every year or earlier if necessary

4. Links with other policies

This policy links with the policies below:

- Health & Safety Policy
- First Aid Policy
- School Dog Policy